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Early Israel and the Surrounding Nations. By REV. A. H. SAYCE. New York: E. R. Herrick & Co., 1899. Pp. xxix + 308. \$1.

All of Professor Sayce's books are written in a lively, entertaining style, which nowhere sacrifices clearness to the indefiniteness of our present knowledge. This book resembles rather his *Ancient Empires of the East* than any of his more recent contributions to archæology. Beginning with a chapter on the Israelites, he discusses in turn Canaan, the nations southeast and northeast of Palestine, Egypt, and Babylonia and Assyria. While the reader may thus obtain a definite idea of the history of the separate peoples of the oriental world, the important fact that oriental history consists in the combination and interrelation of these various nations is liable to be quite overlooked. For this purpose McCurdy's *History, Prophecy, and the Monuments* is infinitely more valuable. Appendices give translations of important ancient documents, such as the Moabite stone, the Assyrian deluge and creation tablets, etc. It is evident that the varied archæological and linguistic pursuits and the numerous writings of Professor Sayce have not been without their lessons to himself, for he concludes his introduction to this his latest volume by the following most instructive remark: "If oriental archæology has taught us nothing else, it has at least taught us how little we know." One has been tempted sometimes, and even in the case of Professor Sayce himself, to believe the exact opposite.

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The Kingdom (Basileia). An Exegetical Study. By GEORGE DANA BOARDMAN, author of *Studies in the Creative Week, Epiphanies of the Risen Lord, The Divine Man, University Lectures on the Ten Commandments, Coronation of Love, The Problem of Jesus*, etc. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1899. Pp. x + 348. \$2.

In the present volume Dr. Boardman has gathered together the fruits of a ripened scholarship. The book is essentially expository, so thoroughly analyzed that it is possible for anyone to use it, even on the most specific points. Its style is such as to make it attractive reading, and its insistence upon the spiritual quality of the kingdom is always helpful. Further, his breadth of view and lack of anything like sectarianism and narrowness are also delightful. Especially striking is his description of the kingliness of God's rule. We also note with pleas-